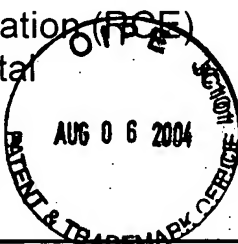


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First Named Inventor	McDaniel et al.
Art Unit	1751
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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (R.C.E.)
UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114, for the above-identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

This request is being submitted prior to abandonment of the application and after receipt of a final action by the Office.

ENCLOSURES

Enclosed herewith are an amendment to the claims with accompanying remarks and arguments in favor of patentability. Also enclosed herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

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INVENTORSHIP

This application, as amended, names as inventor the same inventor as previously designated for the claims.

RESPONSE

Please consider the following Amendment and Remarks for entry of record. Favorable reconsideration of the pending Claims in light of such remarks is respectfully requested.